



Friends of the Morrill Memorial Library Newsletter

# Friendly Notes

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## Keep It Up!

I'd love to tell you that the difficult times for libraries and the economy in general are behind us, but we know they are not. As cities and towns look for ways to reduce costs, local libraries, along with many other local services are seeing caps or even reductions in their budgets. At the same time we are seeing significantly increased usage of the library and the impact of these very difficult times.

That's where you come in. Generous support from the Friends of the Library has helped and will continue to help get us through the current economic downturn. By paying your annual dues, buying books at our semi-annual booksale and/or simply donating to the cause, you are making a difference. I've written in this space before about the need for that generosity and you've responded with your support. Thank you; keep it up! I ask that you continue or even increase that support now, at this critical time. We are living in a period of great need for our library.

Often I also use this space to highlight the many activities we, the Friends, support. And indeed, a review of the rest of this newsletter will show you what we've been doing and what we've got planned. From the excellent programs we support and open to the public, to our direct financial support that allows the library to grow its collection of materials for children, we're doing a lot. We all benefit from the programs that the Friends support, but I'm not saying "support us now" because you'll get equal value immediately in return (though you will); I'm saying support the Friends (and, in turn, the library) during these difficult times because it

is the right thing to do.

Eventually, we will see the economy turn around and begin to grow again. When that happens, we'll hopefully see a parallel increase in spending by local communities to allow libraries to continue and expand their positive roles. The other thing that will happen is that you will be able to look back with pride and remember the support you gave when the library needed you most.

Please attend the Annual Meeting on **Wednesday June 3 at 7:30pm** in the Simoni Room. All Friends are welcome to attend. If you know anyone who would like to join the Friends, please invite them to the meeting!

Dan Corzilius  
President

### Friends Support the Library

The Friends of the Library Executive Board made donations to support the Library budget. Support for 2009 includes book discussions, movie licensing rights, *Henrietta Cooks*, adult programs, the Children's Summer Reading program, speakers and refreshments for Staff Development Day, refreshments at workshops and events, and \$1000 was donated to purchase videos throughout the year.

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# Henrietta Cooks

If you did not attend “Henrietta Cooks” on April 7, you missed a scintillating evening. This was a two-woman play starring our very own Beth Goldman as Henrietta Nesbitt, and Karol Bartlett of the Natick Library as the interviewer. Beth and Karol wrote and produced the show. Beth was in full character mode, in both dress and speech. Through the interview we learned how Henrietta Nesbitt was recruited by Eleanor Roosevelt to be Head Housekeeper of the White House, after meeting her in Hyde Park, New York. Though she was responsible for taking care of the whole White House, her main responsibility was the food served to the First Family and to visitors.

Henrietta regaled us with stories of some of the menus, which included calves head soup, brains and pigs feet. Many groans could be heard from the packed audience. There was a question and answer

period and, best of all, Beth and Karol had baked cookies from a recipe that Henrietta used.

The program, sponsored by the Friends and the Norwood Cultural Council, was both informative and amusing.



## New Books available in June

*Medusa* by Clive Cussler with Paul Kemprecos

*Roadside Crosses* by Jeffrey Deaver

*Finger Lickin' Fifteen* by Janet Evanovich

*Robert Ludlum's The Bourne Deception* by Eric Lustbader

*Scoop* by Fern Michaels

*Brimstone* by Robert B. Parker

*Swimsuit* by James Patterson and Maxine Paetro

*Matters of the Heart* by Danielle Steele

Reserve your copy online or call the Library at 781-769-0200.

## General Meeting and Officer Elections June 3

Join us Wednesday June 3 at 7:30pm for our annual meeting. If you are interested in becoming a more active member of the Friends, please attend. We are always looking for volunteer help during the semi-annual book sale and throughout the year with Friends-sponsored events, writing, and photography.

Elections will be held during the meeting. Nominations for officers for 2009-2010 Friends of the Library - President: Dan Corzilius, Vice President: Justin Sun (Editor of Newsletter), Treasurer: Deborah Henry. Assistant Treasurer: Peggy Thorne, Recording Secretary: VACANT, Corresponding Secretary: Patricia Hines (Membership Chair). Members at Large: Martha Colamaria, Patty Corzilius, James DeChene, Eileen Flood, Ann Foley, Mary Jackson, Debbie Lipton, Barsha Plumer. Additional nominations will be accepted during the meeting.

### Recording Secretary Open Position

The Friends are seeking a Recording Secretary to join the Friends Executive Board. The duties include keeping accurate minutes of our Friends of the Library board meetings. We meet approximately 8 times a year to plan how to raise money and how to spend the money to supplement the library budget. We consider the needs of the library in areas such as guest speakers and authors' nights for the coming year. We also supply CDs, books on tape and DVDs for both the adult and the children's departments. Our Director, Charlotte Canelli has a list of her priorities and we do our best to support the library needs which she recommends. In addition all board members try to attend fund raising events as their time permits. These include working for a few hours at our book sales twice each year, or giving a few hours to our Library table at Norwood Day in the downtown area once each year.

### Friends of the Morrill Memorial Library Executive Board

President: ..... Dan Corzilius  
Vice President and Newsletter Editor: ..... Justin Sun  
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Recording Secretary: ..... Debbie Lipton  
Corresponding Secretary and Membership Chair: ..... Patricia Hines

Members at Large: Martha Colamaria, Patricia Corzilius, James DeChene, Eileen Flood, Ann Foley, Mary Jackson, Barsha Plumer

## Spring Book Sale

The Spring Book Sale, held on May 1-3 was once again a success, raising \$1,622.

The money will eventually find its way back to the Library in the form of programs, for both adults and children, DVDs, CDs and any other needs the library may have.

Many thanks to the Library Staff for help in setting up, all the volunteers who gave up their weekend to man the sale, those who donated books and those who purchased them.

Please remember that you may donate your used books at any time during the year. Just leave them at the Circulation Desk. The more books we have, the more money we will make and the more the Library will benefit.

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## Upcoming Events at the Norwood Library

### **Sunday May 17, 2009, 3pm**

*Neponset Valley Chamber Players.*  
Norwood cellist Shay Rudolph returns in a classical trio of Flute, Violin & Cello, performing works by Haydn and other favorite composers.

### **Tuesday May 26, 7:30pm**

Patricia Fanning will be discussing her latest book, *Through an Uncommon Lens: The Life and Photography of F. Holland Day*. Based in Boston, Day (1864-1933) was the publisher of Oscar Wilde and Stephen Crane and a mentor to Kahlil Gibran. Day devoted his life to art and beauty yet died virtually unknown.

### **Wednesday June 3, 7:30pm**

Friends of the Library Annual Meeting and election of officers. Entertainment for the event is to be determined.

### **Thursday July 9, 10am and 7:30pm**

Beach Reads will review the summer's best books for a lazy day on the Cape. The same program will be presented in the morning and evening. Bring your suggestions! Open to the public. Please register by calling the library.

### **Coming this Fall**

The Library presents *Food for Thought*, a series of programs about local farms, slow food, organic produce, cooking, and more. Stay tuned for more details.

Please register for all programs by calling the library, 781-769-0200.